

(Washington, DC)— Congresswoman Gwen Moore today announced that Milwaukee's Port Authority will receive an additional \$630,580 in federal funds for its security needs. Moore fought to acquire the additional funds after the Port was awarded just \$82,000 in May.

"Securing our Port is a top priority and we will continue to do everything we can to bring in the funds needed to keep our Port safe," Congresswoman Gwen Moore said. "This money will give the Port Authority much of the tools and resources they have requested for the security of this critical regional and international trade hub. This additional security funding is especially important considering that the Port is doing more business than ever these days."

Earlier this year, the Port Authority of the City of Milwaukee submitted an application to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for funds to make needed security improvements to protect the Port, as well as the shippers, railroads and employees who depend on it. DHS rewarded less than 20% of the Port's request – or \$82,000.

Congresswoman Moore then wrote a letter to DHS in May urging the department to fully and fairly consider the Port of Milwaukee in its allocation. (Please find attached letter to DHS). The additional funds for port security were included in the supplemental bill signed into law May 25.

In addition to an increased number of tonnage being shipped through the Port, it is also surrounded by a dense urban population, including the downtown business center, which would be at extreme risk should the Port be attacked or its security compromised. The Port of Milwaukee handled over 710,000 metric tons of imports and exports shipped through the St. Lawrence Seaway in 2006 – 99% more than the previous year.

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